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TAGS: SOPN, PFOR, CSCE, UR

SUBJECT: CSCE DEBATE

REF: (A) BUDAPEST 2969, (B) STATE 211930

1. DURING SEPTEMBER 7 MEETING WITH FOREIGN RELATIONS CHIEF AT  
STATE COMMITTEE FOR TV-RADIO, ACTING P&C COUNSELOR RAISED IDEA OF  
CSCE DEBATE. EMBOFF OBSERVED THAT COMMENTS ON CSCE IN SOME  
WESTERN MEDIA ARE QUITE CRITICAL OF SOVIET UNION WHILE SOVIET MEDIA  
AT TIMES ARE QUITE DEFENSIVE ON THIS SUBJECT. MAKING NO  
REFERENCES TO BUDAPEST EVENT, EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT FRANK  
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN "ROUNDTABLE" FORMAT BETWEEN SEVERAL  
EASTERN AND WESTERN JOURNALISTS MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH  
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SIDES. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT NO FORMAL PROPOSAL BEING MADE,

SIMPLY IDEA FOR CONSIDERATION. KOROLEV SAID CONCEPT MOST INTERESTING AND HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH OTHER COMMITTEE OFFICIALS. HIS ONLY QUESTION WAS WHETHER SIMILAR EVENT MIGHT BE STATED IN US.

2. EMBOFFS HAD DISCUSSED IDEA WITH LOWER LEVER TV-RADIO OFFICIALS PRIOR TO CALL ON KOROLEV, AND HAD BEEN POINTED IN HIS DIRECTION AS WELL AS TOWARD VALENTIN ZORIN, WELL-KNOWN TV COMMENTATOR. ZORIN CURRENTLY ON LEAVE. IN ADDITION TO TV OFFICIALS, EMBASSY IS MENTIONING CONCEPT TO OTHER SOVIET JOURNALISTS AS WELL AS USA INSTITUTE. GIVEN PRESENT MOOD OF SOVIET MEDIA TOWARD US, WE ARE NOT SURPRISED AT LACK OF ENTHUSIASM AMONG SOME SOVIETS. NEVERTHELESS, PAST EXPERIENCE WITH KOROLEV INDICATES THAT IDEA WILL RECEIVE HIGH LEVEL CONSIDERATION.

3. IN ORDER TO RESPOND IN MORE THAN GENERAL TERMS TO KOROLEV'S QUESTION ABOUT SIMILAR EVENT IN US, EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT DEPT/USIA DISCUSS CONCEPT WITH NETWORK AND PBS OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. ANOTHER APPROACH MIGHT BE TO HAVE VOA RUSSIAN SERVICE INVITE SEVERAL SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON PRESENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL NEWS. IF MEETING AT ALL PRODUCTIVE, SUGGESTION COULD BE MADE FOR "ROUND-TABLE" ON EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AS PRESCRIBED BY CSCE.

4. APPRECIATE DEPT/USIA COMMENTS ON PARA. 3.  
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